

# KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MINUTES

**January 2, 2014**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Occupational Therapy was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions in Frankfort, KY on January 2, 2014.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott DeBurger, Chair  
Paul Wingate  
Kevin Priddy  
Camille Skubik-Peplaski  
Rhonda Edwards

## OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Jennifer Hutcherson, Board Administrator

## OTHERS

James Grawe, Office of the Attorney General  
Stacy Grider, KOTA Practice Chair

## MEMBERS ABSENT

Laura Strickland  
Creasa Reed

Mr. Scott DeBurger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Gordon Slone, Executive Director of O&P stopped by to introduce himself to the board.

## **Consent agenda - Minutes, Monthly Financial Report and Legal Fees**

Minutes of the December 2013 meeting, monthly financial report ending December 2013 and legal fees for November 2013 were presented for the Board's review. Mr. Priddy made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion, seconded by Ms. Thomas, carried.

## **O&P Report**

Ms. Hutcherson reported that the database project is still a work in progress and, at this time, is scheduled to go live in June 2014. Board members are now able to use KHRIS to monitor per diem payments, reprint W-2's and set up direct deposit. Ms. Hutcherson also reported that Justin Turner will be leaving O&P at the end of January.

## **Board Attorney's Report**

No report was given.

## **New Business**

**Lagniappe Seminars CCU Question** - An email from E. Anne Melvin at Lagniappe Seminars regarding CCU approval was discussed. Ms. Hutcherson will notify Ms. Melvin of the board's response to her email.

**Dry Needling** - The topic of dry needling was discussed in response to an email received from a licensee. The board decided to investigate the matter further. Mr. DeBurger will contact AOTA for their position and Mr. Grawe will look into the laws regarding acupuncture. Ms. Hutcherson will notify the licensee that a response will be sent following the February meeting.

**ACP - DPAM Courses** - Mr. DeBurger contacted Robyn Scott of ACP regarding the DPAM CCU applications that were submitted and denied. He explained to Ms. Scott that more

information was needed to determine the actual time spent on DPAM specific content before they could be approved. All four courses were approved for regular CCU's. No additional info was received from ACP.

**Renewal Fees** – Renewal fees were discussed in response to an email from an OTA who was upset about the late renewal fee being \$75 for OT's and OTA's even though the renewal fee for both was not the same. The board advised that the regulations are under review and that this will be taken into consideration. Ms. Hutcherson will respond to the email.

**DPAM Certification/Supervisor List** – Ms. Thomas discussed issues that she discovered on the DPAM specialty certification list and DPAM supervisor list. Ms. Hutcherson will begin working on cleaning up these issues and will provide copies of the updated lists for review and input from the board at the February 2014 meeting.

**Database Reports** – Ms. Hutcherson asked for a list of reports the board would like to be provided with on a regular basis so that they can be run automatically from the new database system. A list was compiled and will be provided to COT by Ms. Hutcherson.

**Senate Bill 72** – The board discussed Senate Bill 72. This bill requires that the OT board (among others) have regulations in effect by January 2015 in regards to suicide prevention training, which must be three – six hours in length. The first courses must be completed by July 2016 and must be completed once every six years. A model list of training programs will be provided by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

**New Investigator** – The board discussed the possibility of finding another investigator to help with complaints as needed. Ms. Hutcherson will check with Susan Ellis in the Fiscal section to see what the process is. Ms. Skubik-Peplaski made a motion to enter into an agreement with a new investigator. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Per Diem Raise** – The board discussed trying to get legislative approval to raise the per diem to \$200.00. Mr. Grawe will create a draft to be reviewed at the February meeting.

**Upcoming Meetings/Conferences** – Legislation day is coming up. Mr. Priddy made a motion to approve travel and per diem for any board member who wishes to attend legislation day. The motion, seconded by Ms. Skubik-Peplaski, carried. The AOTA conference is coming up the first week of April. Ms. Thomas made a motion to approve out of state travel for any board member who wishes to attend the AOTA conference in April. The motion, seconded by Ms. Skubik-Peplaski, carried.

### **Applications Review**

There were no applications to review.

### **Approval of Travel and Per Diem**

A motion was made by Ms. Skubik-Peplaski to approve travel and per-diem for today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Mr. Wingate, carried.

### **Assignments for Next Meeting**

Mr. DeBurger will contact AOTA for their position on dry needling. Mr. DeBurger will contact Ms. Strickland regarding the regulations for Senate Bill 72. Ms. Hutcherson will begin working on updates to the DPAM Specialty Certification/Supervisor list and provide copies of the updates at the February meeting for review and input from the board. Mr. Grawe will look into

the laws and regulations regarding acupuncture. Mr. Grawe will also prepare a draft of regulation changes to raise the per diem to \$200.

**Pending Complaints**

The meeting went into closed session and Ms. Grider left the room. Ms. Skubik-Peplaski reported that two responses have been received regarding the current complaints. A discussion was held by the board and the decision was made to defer a decision until the remaining responses have been received.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Occupational Therapy is scheduled to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Office of Occupations and Professions.

Approved by the Board

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Board Chair, Scott DeBurger